man-made fibre textile mills, in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh is given below:—

State	No. of mills
Maharashtra	130
Gujarat	61
Uttar Pradesh	56

Out of these, only 57 mills are under management of NTC (Government of India Undertaking).

(b) In the case of mills under NTC, several officers have been working at the same place for many years.

(c) There is no formal transfer policy in the NTC mills. However, Officers in the rank of Manager and above are transferred from one mill to another based on operational requirements.

(d) Since the number of NTC mills and the staff strength is likely to reduce after implementation of the rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR, NTC has been directed to formulate a transfer policy keeping in view the directions issued by BIFR while sanctioning these schemes.

Problems in marketing of handloom goods in A.P.

1603. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals from State Government of Andhra Pradesh under Market Development Assistance and Marketing Incentive Components of Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana were rejected by Government in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for rejection; and

(c) what remedial measures Government have taken to ensure that marketing of handloom goods does not suffer in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Market Development Assistance Scheme has been discontinued with effect from 1.4.2000. However, MDA claims, which are in conformity with the guidelines of the

MDA Scheme, pertaining to the period upto 31.3.2000 are being honoured. Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted MDA claims during the year 2001 -02 against which depending on the tenability of those claims, an amount of Rs. 70.06 lakh has been released. Their balance claims have been withheld partly for want of matching state share release orders and partly for certain other clarification. Similarly, during the year 2001 -02, the Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted claims under Marketing Incentive component of the Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) for release of a total central share of Rs. 804.45 lakh. Against this, an amount of Rs. 365.25 lakh has been released and the balance could not be considered since the State Government had not released its matching share. Thus, no claims have been rejected.

(c)The Government provides marketing support under the Marketing Incentive component of DDHPY. The claims have not been rejected and only certain essential information has been called from the State Government for considering the sanction and release of the balance amount of claim. The remedial measures of releasing the matching state share and furnishing the required information, lie with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Cotton purchase by CCI from farmers

1604. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) have not purchased cotton from farmers in certain States;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the States where CCI purchases cotton from farmers on Minimum Support Price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) purchases kapas (seed cotton) in all cotton growing States except in Maharashtra where the Maharashtra Raw Cotton (Procurement, Processing and Marketing) Act, 1971 has been in operation.

During the current cotton year 2001 -02 (October-September), CC] has purchased kapas (seed cotton), under Minimum Support Price